

Team AEDC,

Last Friday after discussions with Mr. Randall Culpepper, AF/PEO-CM, regarding the contracting effort for janitorial, grounds maintenance and refuse collection, we decided not to pursue an AbilityOne partnership at Arnold Engineering Development Complex as part of the overall acquisition strategy to replace the current operating contract.

Back in February, I announced that we would use AbilityOne as a source for our custodial, refuse collection and grounds maintenance requirements as a result of ATA's contract expiration in 2015. The choice to use AbilityOne was to support the local disabled labor force. However, it became increasingly apparent over the past few months that this course of action would result in unintended impacts to our workforce and our mission.

We will continue to explore future contract options to bring service disabled veterans and other disabled personnel into the workforce; for now however, I asked the AEDC contracting office to return the performance requirement for custodial, grounds maintenance and refuse collection to ATA for the remainder of the ATA contract, and to include this work in the Facility Support Services acquisition.

I thank everyone for the outstanding level of professionalism you continue to exhibit every day and am continually amazed by you and the work you do for our mission, our Air Force and our country.

Stay safe and take care of one another.

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